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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Thomas Theobald et al.  
Applic. No. : 10/026,241  
Filed : December 21, 2001  
Title : Circuit Configuration for Driving a Semiconductor Switching Element and Method for Same  
Attention : Office of Petitions

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P E T I T I O N U N D E R 37 C.F.R. 1.10(c)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The facts leading to this petition are as follows:

The above-identified application was filed by the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the US PS by virtue of deposit on December 21, 2001. Therefore, the filing date accorded to this application by the Office should be December 21, 2001. However, the postcard which accompanied the application was returned by the PTO with an incorrect filing date of December 22, 2001.

Enclosed herewith, in accordance with Rule 1.10 (c), is:

- a copy of the cover sheet accompanying the application papers with a mailing certificate under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 properly executed on December 21, 2001.
- a copy of the Express Mail Label with a Post Office stamp of December 21, 2001.
- a copy of the postcard.
- a declaration by the mail clerk.